

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND URBAN POLICY**

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

2:00 p.m.

Room 307, House Office Building

Chair Stakoe called the Standing Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, VanRegenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (11/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None (0/11)

Representative Baxter, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on **February 2, 2005**. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

A presentation was given by **David Bertram**, **Bill Anderson** and **Tom Frazier**, representing the Michigan Townships Association. Questions and discussion followed.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4117** before the committee.

HB 4117	Proos	Townships; ordinances; differential pay for military service during military leave; allow.
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Representative Proos explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

David Peterson, representing St. Joseph Charter Township, testified in **support** of the bill.

Ron Griffen, Supervisor of St. Joseph Charter Township, testified in **support** of the bill.

David Bertram and **Bill Anderson**, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in **support** of the bill.

Arnold Weinfeld, representing the Michigan Municipal League, submitted a testimony card indicating **no official position**, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Elsenheimer explained the intent of proposed amendments to the bill.

Representative Elsenheimer, supported by **Representative Nitz**, moved to adopt the following amendments to **House Bill 4117**:

1. Amend page 1, line 5, after “**ACTIVE**” by striking out the balance of the subsection and inserting “**SERVICE IN A UNIFORMED SERVICE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3.**”.
2. Amend page 1, line 8, by striking out all of subdivision (**A**) and relettering the remaining subdivisions.

3. Amend page 2, line 18, after “**HER**” by striking out “**MILITARY SERVICE**” and inserting “**UNIFORMED SERVICE IF THE AMOUNT PAID BY THE LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT PAID BY THE UNIFORMED SERVICE.**”.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, VanRegenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (11/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Nitz, supported by **Representative Tobocman**, moved to report **House Bill 4117**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, VanRegenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (11/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **2:55 p.m.**

Representative John Stakoe, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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